

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. By this Amendment, Applicants have canceled all claims but Claims 9, 18 and 19 in order to simplify the issues on appeal with reference to the Office Action dated September 17, 2004.

Former Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 10-13 and 15-17 have been cancelled, thereby rendering moot the rejection of these claims.

Former Claims 6 and 14 have also been cancelled, thereby rendering moot the rejection of these claims in the Office Action dated September 17, 2004.


Claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form for purpose of appeal by incorporating the subject matter of former Claim 1.

**CONCLUSION**

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims, as currently presented, define patentable subject matter over the cited art. Allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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